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**SUBJECT** The Dovož Export Firm in Slovakia**DIST.** 11 April 1947**PAGES****SUPPLEMENT****ORIGIN**

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1. The "Dovož" Exporting Company, functioning in Slovakia, is like Skoda's "Omnipol" in Bohemia and Moravia. It was created during the war to conduct general import and export business; its shares are being held as to 70% by the Slovak Ministry of Finance and as to 30% privately.
2. By virtue of the majority holding by the Ministry of Finance as much as possible was done by the Slovak Government during the war to give "Dovož" a practical monopoly of Slovak imports and exports.
3. Since the end of the war a small feud has been going on between the Slovak "Dovož" and the Czech "Omnipol", the latter seeking to establish itself in Slovakia at the cost of the former. "Dovož" has retaliated by seeking to put through commercial transactions independently of Prague and in spite of a sometimes contrary ruling by the Ministry of Foreign Trade in Prague. e.g., certain compensatory transactions
4. The Slovak Ministry of Industry and Foreign Trade has for some time past been endeavoring to acquire the 30% holding in the "Dovož" Company which is still in private hands. The Slovak Ministry of Industry and Foreign Trade is largely under Communist influence, whereas the Slovak Ministry of Finance is under the influence of the Slovak Democrats. The latter has so far succeeded in frustrating the attempts of the Ministry of Industry to acquire the said shares.

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